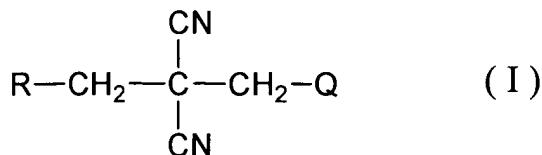


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A nitrile compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein R represents C1-C4 fluoroalkyl,

Q represents halogen, C1-C11 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.

2. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is halogen, C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen or (C3-C7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen) C1-C4 alkyl.

3. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2-C4 fluoroalkyl having 3 to 5 fluorine atoms.

4. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C3-C4 fluoroalkyl group having 6 to 8 fluorine atoms.

5. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is C2 fluoroalkyl.

6. (Original) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein R is 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl.

7. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

8. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

9. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

10. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

11. (Original) A pesticidal composition comprising the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 and an inert carrier.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of controlling a pest, which comprises applying an effective amount of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 to said pest or a place where said pest inhabits.

13. (Withdrawn) Use of the nitrile compound as defined in claim 1 for pest control.

14. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

15. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

16. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

17. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

18. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

19. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

20. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

21. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

22. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

23. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C3-C4 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

24. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

25. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

26. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

27. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

28. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is C4 alkyl group optionally substituted with one or more halogen.

29. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 2, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

30. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 3, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

31. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 4, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

32. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 5, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

33. (Previously presented) The nitrile compound according to claim 6, wherein Q is 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutyl.

34. (New) The nitrile compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is C1-C6 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, C2-C6 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen, or C2-C6 alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen.